



November 6, 2018

To All Interested Parties:

It has come to my attention that a home located at 14444 Flanders in the City of Detroit was demolished without proper environmental abatement. I am receipt of documentation indicating that Mr. David MacDonald—then employed by Den-Man construction—either ignored or overlooked explicit instruction from an abatement contractor that stated the following in regards to 14444 Flanders: "DO NOT WRECK" and "bad survey."

The demolition of homes that have not undergone proper abatement poses health and safety risks. Such demolition could also violate legal frameworks—including, but not limited to, the National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants and its associated federal, state, and local laws and regulations.

Accordingly, pursuant to my authority to issue "rules and policies necessary for enforcement" of any laws pertaining to "public health and safety" (see Detroit City Code 24-1-1.2), I am hereby declaring that it is the policy of the City of Detroit Health Department that no demolition within City limits shall be conducted by any company, firm, or LLC that employs Mr. David MacDonald in a demolition-related capacity. This policy is effective immediately, and shall remain in effect until rescinded by me.

Sincerely,

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Director and Health Officer

Cc:

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